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WHAT IS  
GOOD  
AND  
WHAT IS  
BAD







One fine day  
a tiny laddie  
came  
and asked his dad:  
“Could you tell me,  
Daddy,  
what is good  
and what is bad?”

All his daddy said  
I heard.  
Children,  
gather near.  
Daddy’s answer,  
word for word,  
I shall tell you  
here.

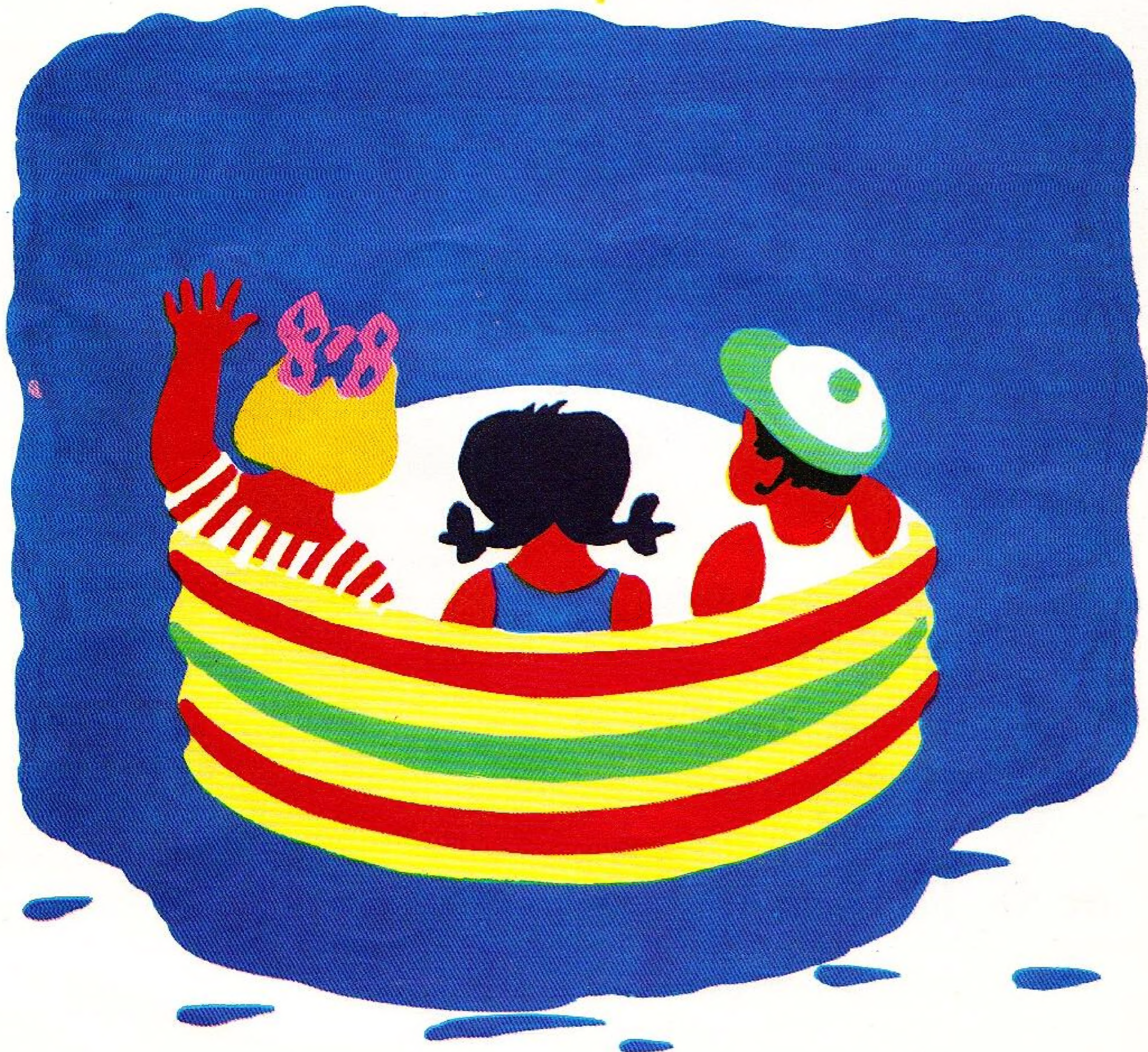
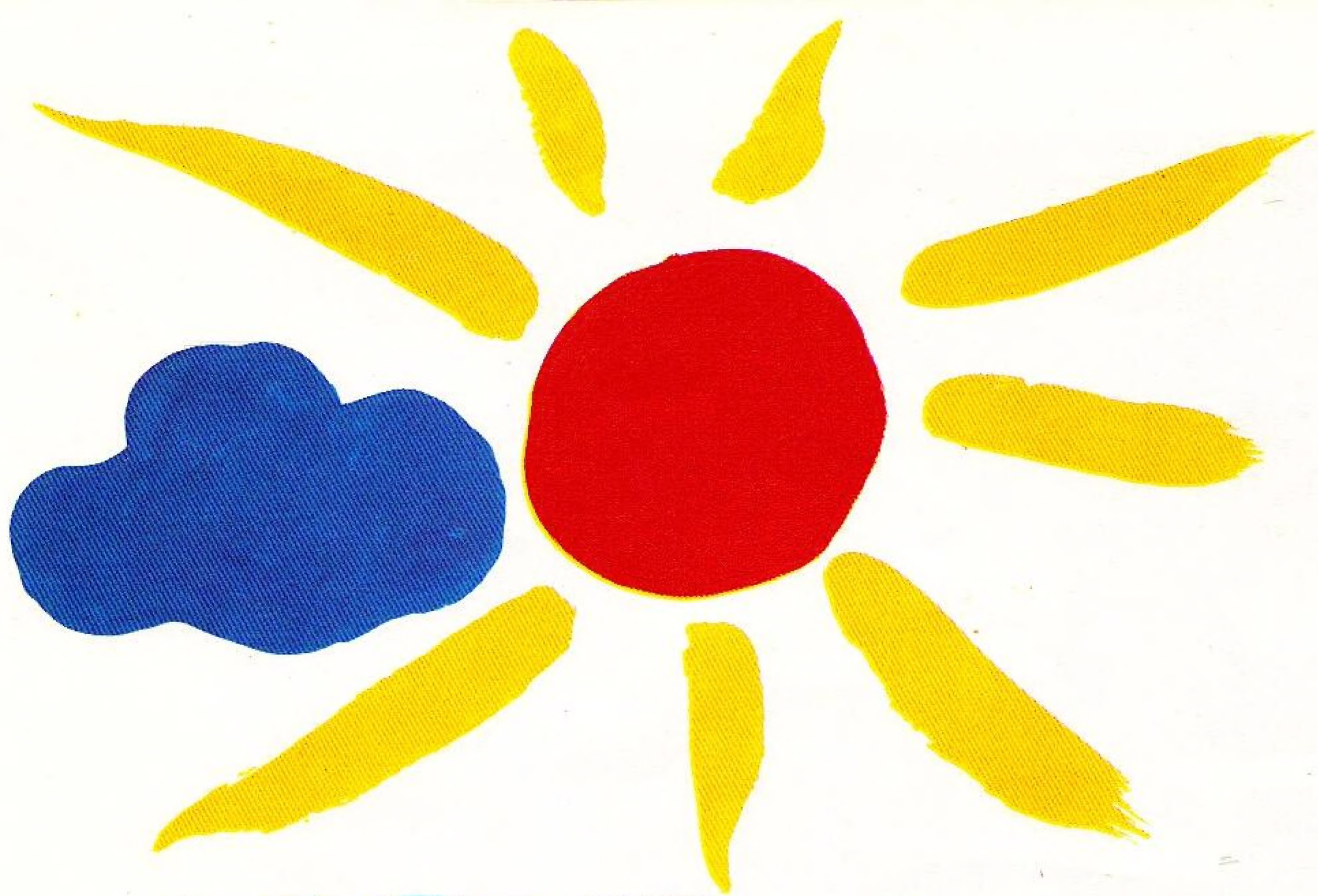














**comes the sun,  
driving off the cold.**

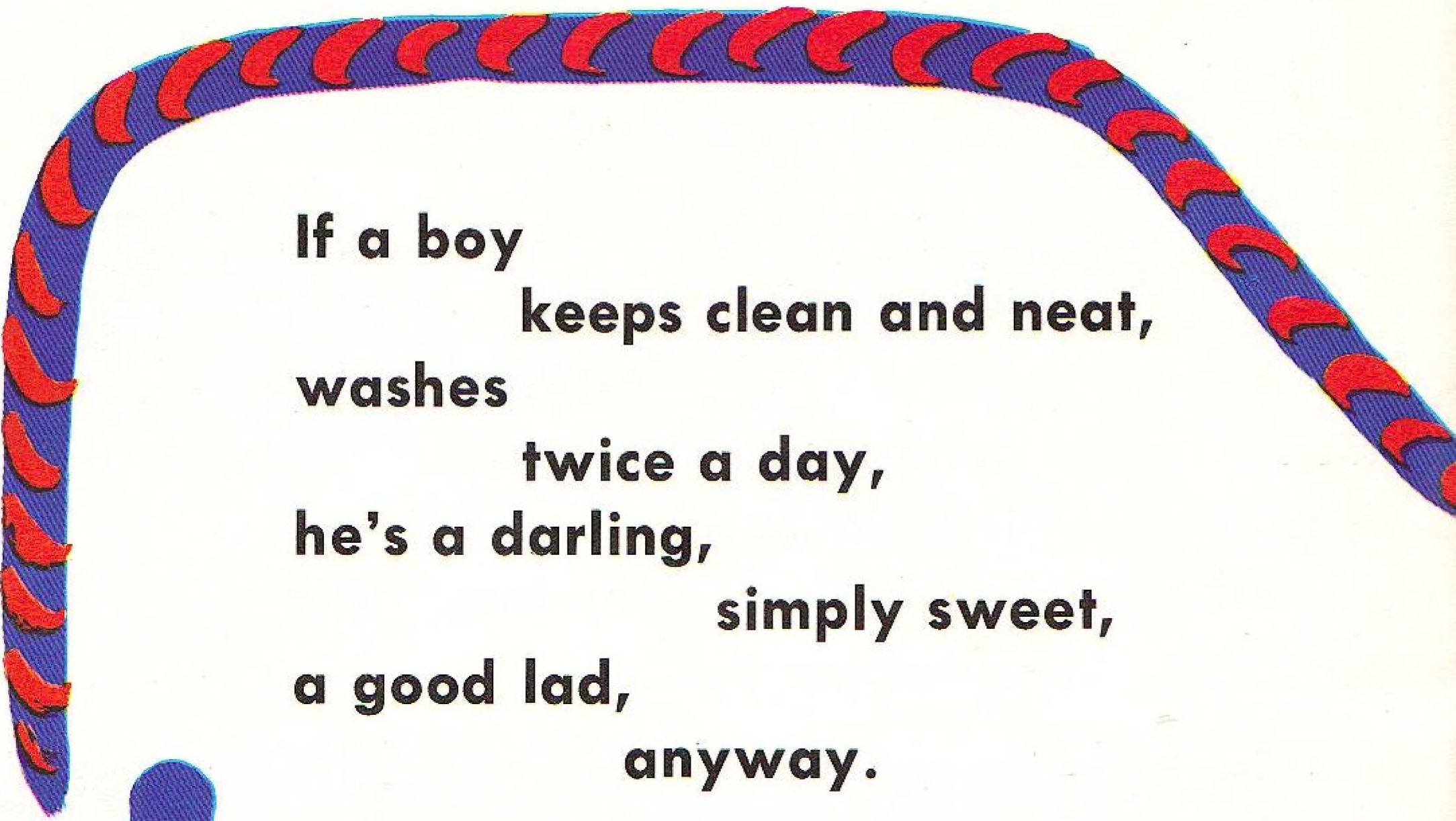
**for everyone,  
whether young  
or old.**

**a boy's as black as that—  
dirt on cheeks**

**and chin,**  
**this is clearly**

**very bad  
for the youngster's skin.**





If a boy  
keeps clean and neat,  
washes  
twice a day,  
he's a darling,  
simply sweet,  
a good lad,  
anyway.









**When a bully,  
                    Tom or Billy,  
thrashes  
                    weaker mates,  
his behaviour's bad and silly—  
which everybody  
                    hates.**

**This one shouts:  
                    “You mustn't touch  
smaller boys  
                    than you!”  
I admire him  
                    very much,  
and so,  
                    I'm sure,  
                    do you.**

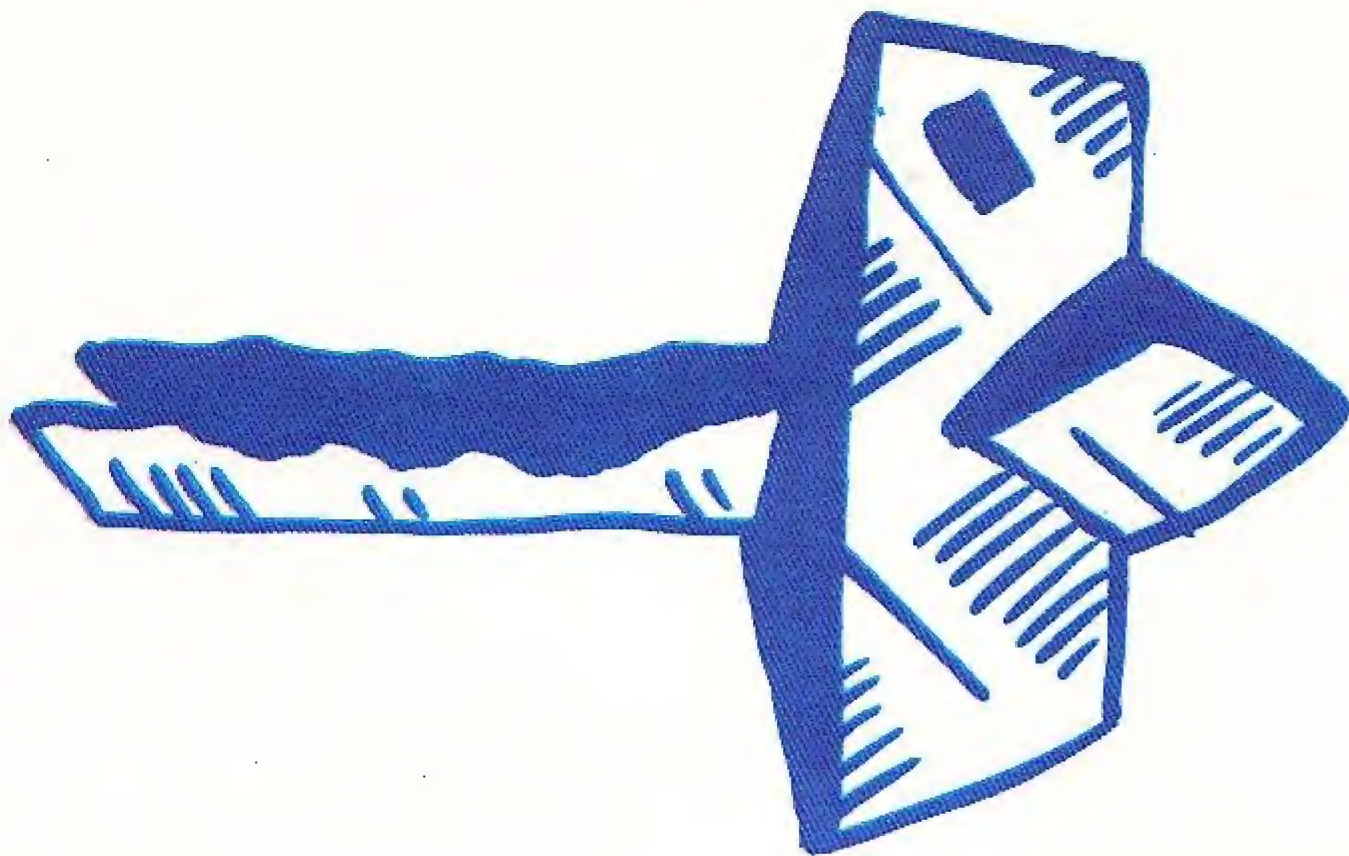








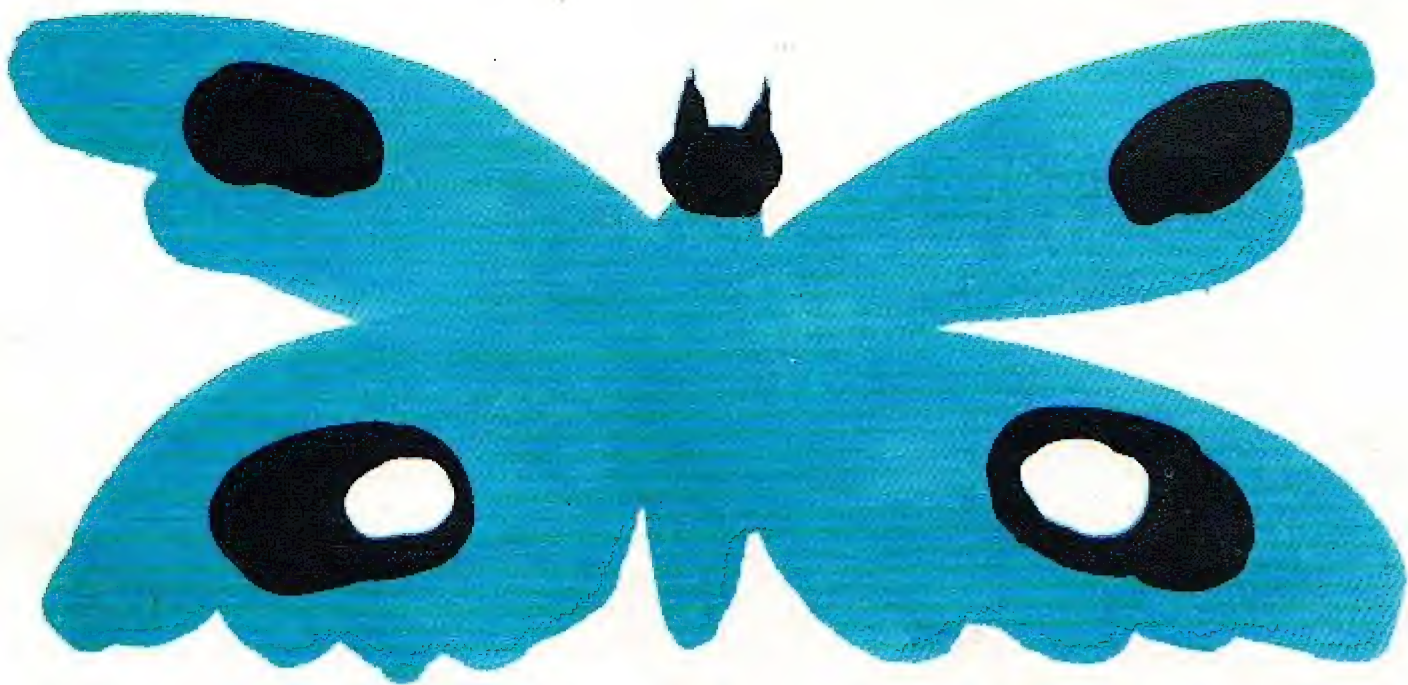
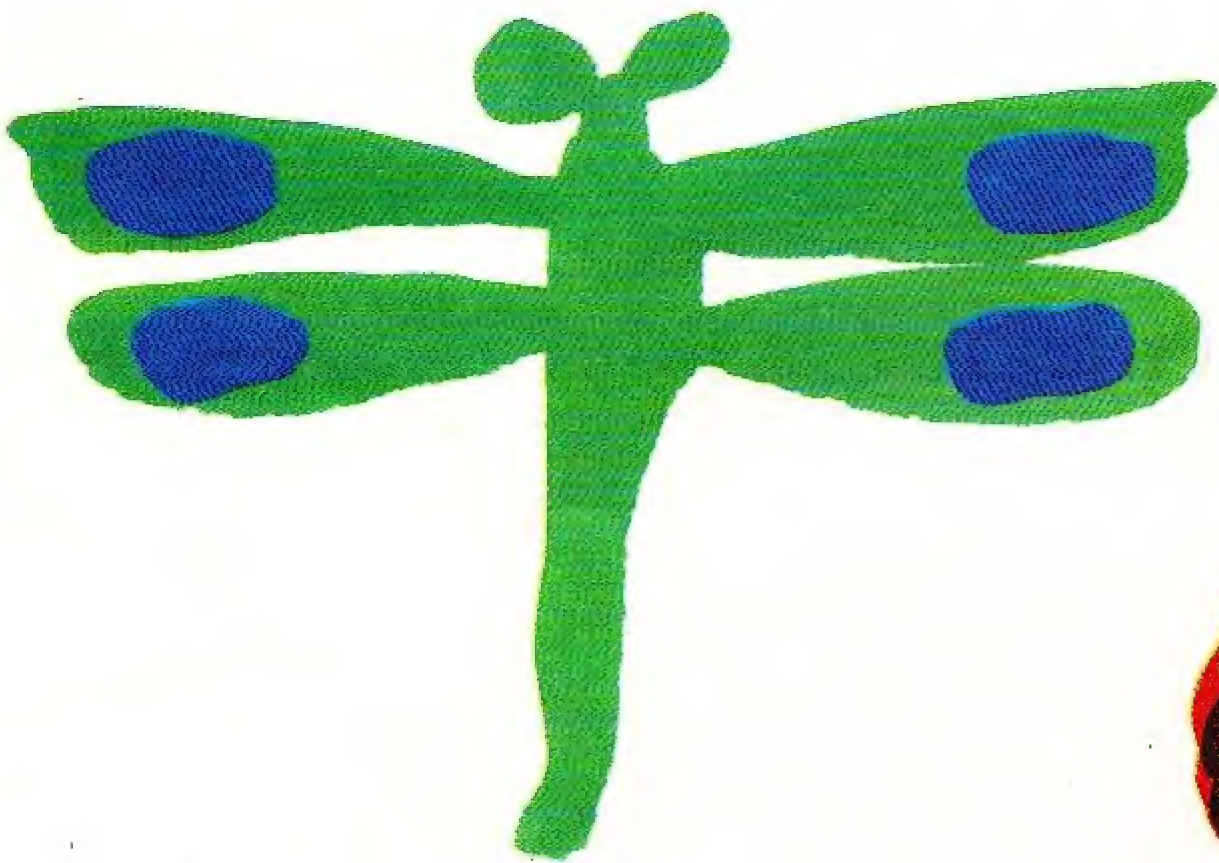




**If you spoil  
a book and toy  
in  
a single day,  
“That’s a baddish little boy!”  
everyone will say.**









**This one loves  
to work and read,  
likes drawing  
in his pad.  
He's a good one,  
yes, indeed,  
the proper kind  
of lad!**









**This baby's scared  
to see a crow.**

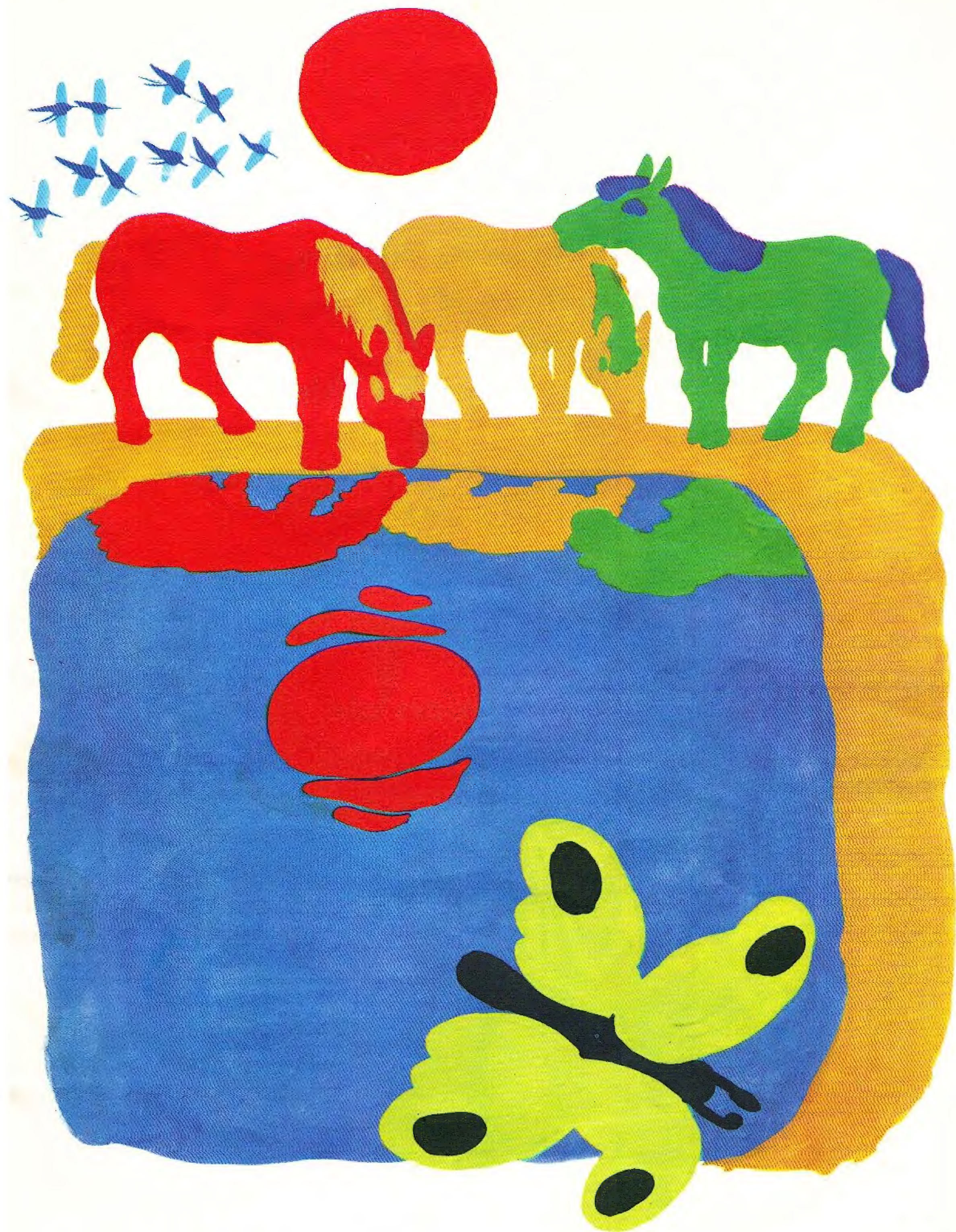
**Shame  
upon the lad!  
Cowardice,  
you ought to know,  
is very,  
very bad.**

**This one  
shoos the bird away  
from a hen and chicks.  
Good!  
A brave boy,  
we can say,  
though he's hardly six.**











**This one**

**wallows in the dirt,  
giggling with joy,  
soils his trousers  
and his shirt,  
bad,  
untidy boy!**

**This one**

**cleans his shoes himself,  
though  
just four years old,  
puts his things  
upon a shelf.**

**He's**

**as good as gold!**







**Remember,  
all who aren't yet big:  
if you're now  
a piggy,  
you'll become  
a downright pig  
when you grow up  
bigger.**





**Sonny beamed —**

**he'd understood**

**and he told his dad:**

**"Dad,**

**I'll always**

**do what's good**

**and never do**

**what's bad!"**





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